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REPORTS

OF THE CLERKS OF THE

CIRCUIT COURTS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES

AND

Superior, Common Pleas and Criminal Courts of Baltimore City,

IN RESPONSE TO AN ORDER OF THE

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

ANNAPOLIS:
HENRY A. LUCAS, PRINTER.

1867.

BALTIMORE CITY.

OFFICE CLERK OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,

BALTIMORE, January 22nd, 1866.

To the Honorable the Members
of the House of Delegates:

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to the order passed by your Honorable Body on the 18th instant, calling upon the Clerks of the various Courts of the State to report the number of days of each term of the said Courts, between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December, 1866, inclusive, the respective Judges of said Courts have held sessions thereof or transacted business therein; I most respectfully report, that the Court of Common Pleas was in session as shown by the record, every day, except holidays, and a vacation of six weeks in July and August, and that said vacation was caused by reason of repairs and improvements made upon the room occupied by the Court; and that the Hon. John C. King has alone, sat upon the bench of said Court during said period.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. D. LOWRY, Clerk of
Court of Common Pleas.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

STATEMENT

Of the number of days of each Term of the Circuit Court for Washington county, between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866, inclusive, that the

Judge of said court, the Hon. George French, has held sessions thereof, or transacted business therein:

Term.	Reg. Sess.	Spec. Sess.
November Term, 1865, continued in 1866,	7 days.	3 days.
March Term, 1866,	30 "	3 "
July Term, 1866,	6 "	23 "
November Term, 1866,	35 "	1 "
	78 days.	30 days.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TO WIT:

I hereby certify, that the above is a true statement taken from the minutes and proceedings of the Circuit Court for Washington county, for the period specified.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribe my name and affixed the seal of the Circuit Court for Washington county, Maryland, at Hagerstown, January 25th, 1867.

[SEAL.]

LEWIS B. NYMAN, Clerk.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

CAMBRIDGE,

DORCHESTER COUNTY, MD.,
January 23d, 1867.

W. R. Cole, Esqr.,
Chief Clerk of House of Delegates:

DEAR SIR:—In compliance with an order passed by the House of Delegates of Maryland, on the 18th of January, 1867, I have the honor to report that the Circuit Court for

Dorchester county was in session the following number of days, at the respective Terms following, viz:

January Term, 1866,			6 days.
April	"	"	39 "
July	"	"	3 "
November	"	"	12 "
			60 "

Very respectfully yours, &c.,
FRANCIS J. HENRY, Clk.

BALTIMORE CITY.

CLERK'S OFFICE,
CRIMINAL COURT OF BALTIMORE,
January 28th, 1867.

To the Honorable
The General Assembly of Maryland.

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with an order passed by the House of Delegates, January 18th, 1867, this report is respectfully submitted.

The Criminal Court of Baltimore holds three (3) terms, yearly, viz: the January term, the May term and the September term.

The actual sittings of the court in January term 1866, were 77 days.

The actual sittings of the court in May term 1866, were 50 days.

The actual sittings of the court in September term 1866, were 81 days.

Your most obedient servant,
JEHU. B. ASKEW,
Clerk Cr. Ct. of Balto.

CALVERT COUNTY.

CLERK'S OFFICE

OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
For Calvert County, Md.

To the Honorable,
The Speaker of the House of Delegates.

SIR:—In compliance with an order passed the House of Delegates of Maryland the 18th of January, 1867, requiring the clerks of the several Circuit courts of this State, to report the attendance of Judges, &c., from the 1st of January 1866, to the 31st of December, of the same year.

I herewith make the following report, to wit:

May court 1866, Judge Wm. H. Tuck, held court 6 days.

October court 1866, Daniel R. Magruder, held court 6 days.

October adjourned term, held in November, 1866.

Judge Dan'l R. Magruder held court 11 days.

December Chancery term, Dan'l R. Magruder held court 1 day.

Which is respectfully submitted by
DENNIE B. M. DIXON, Clerk of the
Circuit court for Calvert county.

HOWARD COUNTY.

CLERK'S OFFICE.

ELLICOTT'S MILLS, January 28th, 1867.

Hon. Oliver Miller,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

IN obedience to the following order passed by the House of Delegates, on the 18th day of January 1867, I respectfully submit the following report:

"Ordered, that the respective clerks of the several Circuit courts of the counties of this State, and of the Superior, Cir-

cuit, Common Pleas and Criminal courts of Baltimore city, report to this House on or before the first day of February, next, the number of days of each term of said courts respectively, between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December 1866, inclusive, the respective Judges of said courts have held sessions thereof or transacted business therein; and that the Chief Clerk of this House, transmit forthwith by mail, a certified copy of this order to each of said clerks respectively.

Report, that the Honorable John E. Smith, Circuit Judge has held four regular terms of the Circuit court for Howard county, at the Court House in Ellicott's Mills, between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December 1866, two law terms and two equity terms;

And that the first law term commenced on the nineteenth day of March 1866, and continued in session ten days.

The first equity term was held by the Hon. John E. Smith on the fifth day of July, and was in session one day.

The second law term commenced on the third day of September 1866, and continued in session twenty-seven days, the first sixteen days of this term, was held by the Hon. John E. Smith, Circuit Judge, and the remaining eleven days were held by the Hon. Peter W. Crane, Special Judge.

The second equity term was held by the Hon. John E. Smith on the fourth day of December, 1866, and was in session one day.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

W. W. WATKINS, Clerk,

Ct. Ct. Howard county.

HARFORD COUNTY.

Bel Air, January 25th, 1867.

Hon. Oliver Miller, Speaker of the House of Deleyates,

Sir:—In obedience to an order of the House of Delegates, passed 18th of January, 1867, I have the honor to report that

the Honorable John H. Price held a session of the Circuit Court for Harford county,

At February Term, 1866,		8 days,
At May	" "	17 "
At Nov.	" "	10 "

all of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. N. DALLAM, Clerk

Circuit Court for Harford County.

CARROLL COUNTY.

Hon. Oliver Miller, Speaker of the House of Delegates of Md.,

SIR:—Agreeably to an order of your Honorable body, passed on the 18th day of January, 1867, I have the honor to report that two law sessions of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, were held between the 1st day of January and 31st day of December, 1866, commencing on the second Monday of May and November, respectively.

The May Term continued in session (27) twenty-seven days, and the November Term (18) eighteen days. In this connection, permit me to remark, that although we have four regular Equity Terms, our court adjourns from day to day (Sundays excepted), for the transaction of Chancery business, and it would be impossible to give the number of days that the Judge is engaged in the discharge of this branch of his duties, though scarce a day passes without the passage of orders or decrees upon bill and testimony submitted, or argument heard in Chambers.

Hoping that I have answered the resolution satisfactorily,

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obed't. servt.,

WM. A. M. KELLIP, Clerk

Circuit Court for Carroll County.

BALTIMORE CITY.

To the Honorable

The House of Delegates:

In compliance with an order of your Honorable Body, passed on Thursday, January 18, 1867, requiring the Clerk of this Court to report to you on or before the first day of February next, the number of days of each term of the Superior Court, between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December, 1866, inclusive, the Judge of the Superior Court held sessions and transacted business therein.

I beg leave to submit the following statement, to wit:

From the 1st day of January, 1866, to the 8th of the same month, being the continuation of the September term 1865,	5 days.
In the January term, 1866, commencing on the 8th day of the same month, the Court held session as follows, viz:	
In the month of January,	21 days.
" " " February,	23 "
" " " March,	27 "
" " " April,	25 "
" " " May,	11 "
	112 days.
Total number of days at January term 1866	107 "
In the May term, commencing on the second Monday of May, being the 14th of the same month, the Court held sessions as follows, to wit:	
In the month of May,	16 days
" " " June,	26 "
	42 days.
In the September term, commencing on the second Monday of September, being the 10th day of the same month, the Court held sessions as follows, to wit:	
In the month of September,	20 days
" " " October,	27 "
" " " November,	25 "
" " " December,	24 "
	96 days.
Total number of days the Court held sessions in the year 1866,	250 days.

RECAPITULATION.

In January, 1866, continuation of September term, 1865,	5 days
In January term, 1866,	107 "
In May term, 1866,	42 "
In September term, 1866,	96 "
	250 days.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFORD MACE,
Clerk.

BALTIMORE, *January* 23, 1867.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

To the Honorable the House of Delegates of Maryland:

In obedience to the order of the Honorable the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, passed 18th January, 1867, the undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset county, respectfully reports, that the number of days of the several terms of the Circuit Court for Somerset county, between the first day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866, in which the Judge of the said Court has held sessions thereof or transacted business therein in term, were as follows, to wit:

January Term, 1866, six days, viz:

Hon. John R. Franklin, Judge,	1 day.
Hon. Thomas A. Spence,	5 "
April Term, 1866, sixteen days;	
Hon. Thomas A. Spence,	16 "
July Term, 1866, four days;	
Hon. Thomas A. Spence,	4 "
October Term, 1866, thirteen days,	
Hon Thomas A. Spence,	13 "

Respectfully submitted,

LEVIN WOOLFORD,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
for Somerset county.

January 25, 1867.

In testimony that the above is truly taken from the minutes of proceedings of the Circuit Court, [SEAL.] for Somerset counny, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the said Circuit Court, this 25th day of January, Anno Domini, 1867.

LEVIN WOOLFORD, Clerk.

[U. S. 5 ct. stamp.]

WORCESTER COUNTY.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
for Worcester county,
January 26, 1867.

W. R. COLE, Esq.,

Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates of Maryland:

SIR: In obedience to an order passed by the House of Delegates on the 18th inst., I beg leave to report thereto, through you, as follows, viz:

Four Terms of the Circuit Court for Worcester county were held during the year 1866, and of the following duration respectively, to wit:

January Term, three days; May Term, eight days; July Term, one day; October Term, five days; and that each of said sessions of Court, were held by the Hon. Thomas A. Spence, Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit of Maryland.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
GEORGE H. RICHARDSON,
Clerk of the Circuit Court for
Worcester county.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

STATE OF MARYLAND, } *Sct:*
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY. }

I, Samuel E. Dyott, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's county, hereby certify that it appears from the record and proceedings of the several terms of the Circuit Court, for Queen Anne's county, held at the Court-house in the town of Centreville, in and for said county, during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, that the Honorable John M. Robinson, Judge of the said Court, was present and engaged in the transaction of business at the May (Law) Term thereof, twenty-two days, and at the November (Law) Term thereof, eleven days, and at the January (Equity) Term, one day, and at the July (Equity) Term thereof, four days.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for
[SEAL.] Queen Anne's county, this 25th day of January 1867.

SAMUEL E. DYOTT, Clerk.

[Three 2 ct U. S. Revenue Stamps.]

TALBOT COUNTY.

CLERK'S OFFICE,

EASTON, January 24th, 1867.

To the House of Delegates of Maryland:

In pursuance of a resolution passed by your Honorable Body on the 18th of January inst., I hereby transmit a report of the number of days of each term of the Circuit Court for Talbot county, from the first day of January to the 31st of December, 1866:

Hon. Henry H. Goldsborough, Judge.

1866.

February, Chancery Term,	7 days.
May, Regular Term,	23 "
August, Chancery Term,	7 "
October, Spec'l session for naturaliza'n of foreigners	2 "
November, Regular Term,	17 "
	56 "

Very respectfully,

SAM'L T. HOPKINS,

Clerk Circuit Court for Talbot county.

ST MARY'S COUNTY.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

Leonardtown, January 24th, 1867.

To the Honorable,
the House of Delegates of Maryland, Annapolis :

Gentlemen :—In pursuance of an order passed by your Honorable Body on the 18th inst., I most respectfully report :

That, on the third Monday of January, 1866, an adjourned session of a Law Term of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county was held for one day.

That, on the third Monday of March, 1866, a regular term of said court was held by his Honor, Judge Brent, and continued in session for ten consecutive days, Sundays excepted.

That, on the third Monday of June, 1866, his Honor, Judge Brent, held an adjourned session of said court for three days.

That, on the third Monday of November, 1866, a regular term of said court was held by his Honor, Judge Brent, and continued in session for eleven consecutive days, Sundays excepted.

I also beg leave to state that four terms of said court were open for the transaction of Equity business, viz :

The First began on the third Monday of January, 1866, and closed on the third Monday of February following.

The Second began on the third Monday of March, 1866, and closed on the third Monday of May following.

The Third began on the third Monday of June, 1866, and closed on the third Monday of September following.

The Fourth began on the third Monday of November, 1866, and closed on the third Monday of December following; and during the continuance of each of said terms, his Honor, Judge Brent, transacted a considerable amount of Equity business at his home in Charles county, when not on the bench here.

Special Judges occupied the bench at intervals during the period named in your order, for the trial of cases submitted to them respectively, according to law.

Repectfully, your ob't serv't,

JNO. A. CAMALIER,

Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, Md.

FREDERICK COUNTY.

CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY,

January 22d, 1867.

W. R. COLE, Esq.,

Chief Clerk House of Delegates,

Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with the order passed by the House of Delegates on Thursday the 18th inst., and your favor of the same date, which is just received, I have the honor to reply that for equity and other purposes, our Circuit Court is considered in session every day except Sunday's, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas, whether his Honor, the Judge, be present or not, at which time business is transacted when necessary, either at the court house or at the judges chamber, and therefore it is impossible to answer

the order correctly for that part of the year. At the February and October terms for the trial of Criminal and other causes, we can answer positively, as a diary is kept of the attendance of jurors, bailiff, &c., and by reference to said diary, we find his Honor was present twenty-four days at the February and twenty-four days at the October term, 1866, being the number of days at those terms when there were causes ready for trial.

Hoping the above may be a satisfactory answer,

I have the honor to be

Yours very respectfully,
JOS. W. L. CARTY, Clerk.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

To the General Assembly of Maryland:

In accordance with an order of the House of Delegates, of Maryland, passed 18th January, 1867, I beg leave to report to your Honorable Body that the Hon. Samuel H. Berry, Judge of the Circuit Court for Montgomery county, held sessions of said court and transacted business therein during the year 1866, as follows, viz:

At February	Term,	1866,	during	-	-	12 days.
At May	"	"	"	-	-	3 days.
At August	"	"	"	-	-	17 days.
At October	"	"	"	-	-	3 days.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Montgomery county, this 23d day of January, 1867.

E. B. PRETTYMAN, Clerk.

BALTIMORE COUNTY.

OFFICE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY.

TOWSONTOWN, MD., 1867.

TO HON. OLIVER MILLER,

Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland:

Sir:—In accordance with an order of the Honorable, the House of Delegates, passed January 18th, 1867, and communicated to me by the chief clerk of said body, requesting the clerks of the several counties of the State to report to the House on or before the 1st day of February, ensuing the nnmber of days of each term of said courts respectively, between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December of the same year, &c. I have the honor to report that at

December Term, 1865, from January 1st, 1866,	40
March Term, 1866, - - -	48
May Term, 1866, - - -	36
August Term, 1866, - - -	44
December Term, 1866, to December 31st, 1866,	18
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It may be well to explain to your Honorable Body the reason why five terms of court are included in the above report, it being as follows:

The December Term of 1865, being only about half through at the date from which this enquiry is contemplated, and again, the December Term, 1866, being about half through or eighteen days of the term held when the date of the enquiry ceases, so that although the report has the appearance of five terms, when they are really only three full terms and two parts of terms.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county, on this 23d day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

JOHN H. LONGNECKER,

Clerk Circuit Court for Baltimore county.

CECIL COUNTY.

To the Honorable,
The General Assembly of Maryland:

In compliance with the order passed by your Honorable Body on Thursday, January 18th, 1867, I have the honor to report that his Honor, John H. Price, Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, held the respective Sessions of the Circuit Court for Cecil county, the number of days following, viz: (From the first of January, to the 31st of December, 1866, inclusive:)

January Term, 1866,	9 days
April " "	9 "
September " "	12 "
Total	30 days

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY R. TORBERT,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
for Cecil County.

Clerk's Office, Elkton, January 22d, 1867.

ALLEGANY COUNTY.

To W. R. Cole, Esq.,

Sir:

In obedience to the order of the House of Delegates, passed 18th January, 1867, I herewith report that with the exception of six weeks and three days, the Hon. George A. Pearre, Judge of the Circuit Court for Allegany county, has been engaged in transacting business either in open Court or in

Chambers, during the year commencing 1st January, 1866, and ending 31st December, 1866.

Very respectfully,

H. RESLEY,

Clerk Circuit Court

for Allegany County.

Cumberland, 22d January, 1867.